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FCE/MS establishes Hall of Fame/ Pilot Award; Polk first inductee

Fulton County Elementary/Middle School has established a new tradition: a Hall of Fame for former graduates who have used their FCEMS education to achieve great things in life.

The first FCEMS Hall of Fame inductee was 2013 graduate PV2 Ladarrian S. Polk, who recently placed first out of a class of 225 in U.S. Army Combat Engineering School. Polk was one of four honor graduates and the recipient of the U.S. Army “Sapper Award,” for being the best combat engineer.

All Hall of Famers are automatically awarded the greatest honor FCEMS can give: the PILOT Award – a medal

given for superior achievement, leadership and character. The PILOT award was presented to PV2 Polk during a special school assembly. During the event, students were told of the many ways Polk has been able to use his Fulton County education in doing his job, and how that education has helped Polk achieve prominence in his field.

Polk spoke from the heart to the assembled group telling students to have a goal and to follow that goal, no matter what others may say or think. He told students that he would be there for them if they needed help; and how coming from a close-knit

community such as Hickman sustained him during the hard days of his training. Polk urged students to pay attention in school and to stay off drugs.

Principal Julie Jackson, in presenting the PILOT medal to Polk, called him the “Top Pilot” of our educational community and thanked him for being such a positive role model for students. She spoke of the great pride everyone at FCEMS took in Polk’s achievements.

Polk has also been honored with a bulletin board at the entrance to the school building which lists his honors and cites the challenging tasks he performs doing his job.



ONE ON ONE - Ladarrian Polk (center) is the first inductee into the Hall of Fame at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School receiving the Pilot Award last week. Polk is talking to some of the students before the Christmas Musical on Friday, Dec. 20. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER - On Sunday, Dec. 22 Derrin Caruthers (center) and all the SAP members and inmates at the Fulton County Detention Center received Christmas gift bags. Over 500 gifts were donated by area churches and private citizens. So many bags were donated making it possible to send 50 bags to the Hickman County Jail, too. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL - Fulton County students put on one of the best Christmas Musicals under the direction of music teacher Stephanie Mora on Friday, Dec. 20. Anna Grace Johnson (on right, front) and Katie Baggett (on right, back) and more students hold candles as they perform during the musical. Many students sang solos and the students reminded everyone to remember what Christmas is

all about. (See more photos page 7.) Members of the Fulton County High School band accompanied the elementary/middle students during their musical and then held a concert. (See more photos on page 5.) (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



ALL WKC TEAM - Four Fulton County Pilot Football players (l to r) Deandre Couch, Terrell Wilson, Damien Roach, and Matthew Bodon were named to the All-Western Kentucky Football Conference team for their play on the field in 2013. (Photo submitted.)

Board presents several certificates

Fulton County School board plans retreat at Kenlake

Charlotte Smith
Editor

“We will go over the budget on Friday night, and on Saturday morning we will discuss the facilities plan, facility needs, professional development, and Individual Learning Plans (ILP’s) during our upcoming board retreat,” stated Fulton County Schools Superintendent Aaron Collins on Tuesday, Dec. 17 during the regular monthly school board meeting.

Supt. Collins and the board members gathered for this planning and training retreat on December 20 and 21 at Kenlake Resort State Park to make these assessments as they look ahead to the 2014-2015 school year. No business will be conducted during this weekend gathering, and no votes will be taken on any school district matters.

The board also plans to include time for three training hours discussing ILP’s and listening to a course on “5 Goals of School Boards,” for all members who

are able to attend the overnight retreat. This retreat is a standard practice of the board and no votes or decisions will be made during the meeting.

School board members presented a certificate to the Hickman Rotary Club for paying for four students and two junior counselors to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) in September 2013. RYLA participants Sasha Montgomery, Joyrian Bradley, Charles Staggs, and Prentasia Ternell also received certificates following their board presentation complete with a slide show from their experience at the weekend event, explaining how it changed their lives for the better. All-District Band flutist Morgan Adams played a song selection for the board, as well.

During Supt. Collins report, he informed the board that he was working on completing all contracts for staffing for the

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Positive reception accompanies Watch D.O.G.S. launch

Neither the inclement weather nor a slew of competing attractions marred the launch of FCEMS’s Watch D.O.G.S. program on December 12. Fifty-four men and 96 students gathered in the school cafeteria to enjoy pizza and learn about a program designed to bring a greater male presence to the school’s buildings and grounds.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is a father involvement program of the

National Center for Fathering designed to increase male involvement in schools. Statistics show that students develop more fully socially, physically, academically, emotionally, and spiritually when they have a male role model actively engaged in their life. Males participating in the Watch D.O.G.S. program can be a father, uncle, older brother, step-father or grandfather. They cannot have a criminal record.

“I was really pleased by the turnout,” said FCEMS Assistant Principal Michael Cole, who organized the event. “This is a great program and I think it could make a huge difference to our students.”

The goal of Watch D.O.G.S. is twofold: provide positive male role models for students, and enhance school security. “Our district can’t afford a resource

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Parker family is complete in time for Christmas

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Every child wants a story with a beginning, middle and an end that is happy. There are people in this world that believe that and are called upon to make that happen for children.

People in Hickman who are making that

happen for three children with a bright future are the Parker family, Chad, Tamra, Kaitlyn and Carson. On Thursday, Dec. 12 Triston Lee, Carolina Joy, and Molly Ann officially became Parkers.

After an encounter with a little girl from China named Molly who was adopted by a family in Union City, Tamra Parker thought and talked with Chad about the possibility of adopting a child.

The first step in that process was praying. “We prayed a lot,” said Tamra. “Seeing the little girl in Kaitlyn’s preschool

class triggered the thought in my mind.”

The next step they took in their journey involved becoming certified foster parents on June 17, 2011. During the process, Deanna and Sam Miller, who already had successfully adopted two children, were mentors to the Parkers.

Five short weeks after the Parkers became certified, they received a call in the middle of the night that changed the dynamics of their family forever. Three children in need, ages 3, 2, and 5 months old, arrived at the Parker door step at 2 a.m. on July 23, 2011. Family, friends, and church family members answered the call, bringing supplies, clothes and food.

The next step was learning how to go from a family of four to a family of seven. “It took us about a year to get into a routine,” admitted Tamra. During this time, through the grace of God, the Parker family was slowly meshing into a cohesive

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INTRODUCING THE PARKER FAMILY - The Parkers (front row, l to r) Carolina Joy Parker and Triston Lee Parker; (middle row, l to r) Tamra Parker, Molly Ann Parker, and Kaitlyn Parker; and (back row, l to r) Chad Parker and Carson Parker on the front step of the Fulton County Courthouse on Thursday, Dec. 12 after the adoption of Triston, Carolina and Molly became official. (Photo submitted.)

THIS WEEK



OBITUARIES

James Albert
“Abner” Riley

James “Larry” Poe

RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.

Wednesday, Dec. 25 – 34.9

Thursday, Dec. 26 – 36.0

Friday, Dec. 27 – 36.9

Saturday, Dec. 28 – 37.7

Sunday, Dec. 29 – 38.4

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Local Weather

Wed 12/25 44/28

Sunshine. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

Thu 12/26 45/27

Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

Fri 12/27 49/31

Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.

Sat 12/28 56/36

Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

Sun 12/29 49/28

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

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Well this year is almost over with and we are starting a New Year with a different prospective of life like trying to change old habits into making new ones for example: the way you get dressed or the way you approach things or meeting new people. It is all about trying new things in life. But life is to short to be grumpy and old. We need to try camping inside and with blankets over the kitchen table and pretend there are bears, wolves and black panthers around. Bake cookies with your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Watch Christmas movies with kids until they fall asleep. There is no point in feeling old if you don't have to, stay young as much as you can. Learn a variety of things to keep you young and active. Having fun getting up and dancing with a friend and even little kids. Racking the leaves and counting how many different colors there are. Bundling up every day just to go somewhere like Walmart or Save-A-Lot to buy a few groceries. Make sure all your Christmas shopping is done, before Christmas. Remind everyone how sweet and special this Christmas and New

Years can be. Always remember to set side by side and tell each other stories of when you were growing up.

Weekly activities at the Senior Center always include Exercise every Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 10:10. Bingo every Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 11:30. Bingo is played (25¢ a card) on these days immediately following lunch. The Center will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25 thru Wednesday, Jan. 1. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bingo winners on Friday, Dec. 20 were James Griffith, Idella Turner, Roberta Duncan, and Bob White, overall.

Monday, Dec. 23

Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, buttered spinach, whole-wheat roll, fruit cobbler, and skim milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Baked chicken, noodles, mushroom gravy, green beans, whole-wheat roll, fruit cup and almonds, and skim milk.

Closed December 25 through December 27.

Pearson graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Zachary T. Pearson graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and

skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Pearson is the son of Anna and Terry Pearson of Fulton.

He is a 2009 graduate of Fulton High School.

Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy December 17 through December 19 2013:

John Sowell of Union City, Tenn. to Dinah E. Jones and Dennis W. Jones, husband and wife of Hickman, Ky., property in Fulton County, value \$100,000.00, December 17.

Mary Margaret Joyner and husband Larry Shane Joyner

of South Fulton, Tenn.; David Greer of South Fulton; Garrett Greer of South Fulton; and Kyle Greer of Nashville, Tenn. to Freddie L. Mangrum of Mayfield, Ky., property in Fulton County, value \$8,500.00, December 19.

Helen Kay Nicholas to James D. Mayes of Hickman, property in city of Hickman, Ky., value \$22,000, December 19.



The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

December 30 – Kathy Moss, Penny Fleming, Michael Henry, Christopher J. Enloe, Andrew Wade Spencer, Jerry Bradshaw, and Haley Newcomb.

December 31 – Kathryn Parnell, Debbie Canaday, Glen Wright, Tina Hamil, Arnita Cheirs, Missy Nicholson, Ricky Bates, Ira Bates, Modene Totty, Melissa Stroud, Zachary Curlin, and Derrick Ward.

January 1 – Sheila Moss, Charles Brannam, Mrs. Michael

Wilkerson, Randy Emery, Sandy Emery, Sherry Pair, Twana Jo Davis, Shady Moore, Pat Early, and Rhonda Dinwiddie.

January 2 – Billy Amberg, David Sims, and Patti Patey.

January 3 – Jimmy Ray Elks, Jr., Daniel Williams, Laramy Liggett Allen, Michael Crowell, MaddieKate Coffey, and Elizabeth Ann Lattus.

January 4 – Jonny Bennett, Sandra Waterspoon, and Jennifer Parker.

January 5 – Ricky Deater, Joye Stokes, Michael Stowe, Karen Green, Gene R. Yates, Larry Hunter, Marianna Harris, and Savannah Renee Barber.

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COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW EMBROIDERY



CELEBRATING A JOYOUS OCCASION - On Thursday, Dec. 12 Triston, Carolina and Molly Ann became members of the Parker family. Pictured together for the happy occasion include (l to r) Rick Major, Channa Woodall, Dean Jackson, Megan Meade, Carolina Parker, Jason Sipes, Tamra Parker, Triston Parker, Chad Parker, Carson Parker, Molly Ann Parker, Kaitlyn Parker, Allen Parker, Brenda Parker, and Judge Tim Langford. (Photo submitted.)

Family

unit.

Sure, there were 'speed bumps.' Late night sicknesses, surgeries and lots of ear problems to deal with, but the children continued to grow and slowly bond with their new family.

Other hiccups include having your heart broken. "It happened to us twice," said Tamra. "Two times different family members wanted to take on the responsibility of the threesome, but eventually backed out and we got them back." This was in December 2011.

As the Parkers learned the ropes of the court system learning about time lines and meeting and dealing with members of the birth families, they felt like they were being called upon to shift from foster parents to adoptive parents. "We didn't have a clue about any of it," Tamra said, "The timelines are the most difficult aspect and it can all be a bit scary."

About a year ago is when the Parkers made the 'big' decision to take that final step in making their family of seven permanent.

"We began researching and reviewing the process and our options in December 2012," stated Tamra. "In July 2013 we signed the intent to adopt."

Five months later on Dec. 12, a joyous occasion was shared on the Fulton County courthouse steps when Triston Lee, Carolina Joy, and Molly Ann became Parkers. A week later, the kids and Tamra came home from school and work, just like they do everyday.

Everyone went to their respective places and Triston, now 5, and Carolina, 4, showed mommy what they got from school. While, Molly Ann said, "Mommy, open this." All three of the newest Parkers were hovering around mommy.

When asked what it means to be adopted Triston said, "I wanted to be adopted by mommy and daddy and I changed my last name to Parker." Triston is now in kindergarten and recognizes his own name.

Triston's middle name was also changed to Lee, which was his mother's middle name. Carolina's middle name went

from Lee to Joy, because she is a joy to be around and Joy was the name of a missionary that Tamra worked with in the Dominican Republic last October. "Joy is a marvelous lady," noted Tamra. "Carolina is charismatic and the middle name suits her." Preschooler Carolina is a big helper, always looking to help mommy out.

Molly Ann's name is derived from two special people in the Parker family. Molly was the name of the little girl that was adopted from China, who in essence changed the life of the Parkers without even realizing it and Ann is Chad's sister's name. Molly, who loves sitting on mommy's lap, likes to share. She will even offer you a lick of her Tootsie pop.

Kaitlyn, the eldest of the Parker children and in the 8th grade, is very outgoing and had a role in the church's recent Christmas play. She definitely has more responsibility with four younger siblings, instead of just one and seems to be taking it all in stride.

Carson, reserved and serious

about life, loves to play sports and be outdoors and it won't be long before he is showing Triston the ropes.

Looking back on it all, Tamra's advice to anyone who is contemplating become foster parents is to be flexible. "It can be a long process and you might even get your heartbroken or have it filled with so much love."

There are so many people who have helped the Parkers become a family. From the ones who ran to Walmart picking up supplies on that first late night, the ones who brought food and the ones who helped bath the children, you know who you are and it all definitely helped the Parkers answer the call to adopt three beautiful children.

"The community has accepted them," said Tamra. "So many people helped us out in the beginning and we are forever grateful for them."

With Chad, Tamra, Kaitlyn and Carson's help, the beginning of Triston Lee, Carolina Joy, and Molly Ann's story is filled with happiness.



OPEN HOUSE - The Citizens Bank in Hickman held their annual Open House for their customers on Friday, Dec. 20. Pictured at left are Max Gibbs (left) and Edie Rodgers (right) as they take a moment to look over all the delicious food that was available. Above (right), Harry Poyner stops to have his picture taken. (Photos by Barbara Atwill)

Storm door savings

By James Dullely
Although a door is a relatively small area compared to the entire wall area of the house, your primary door can be the source of air leaks that waste energy. From the energy-efficiency standpoint, the most important benefits of a storm door are the extra dead air space between it and the primary door, and the way it blocks wind. Buying an aluminum storm door is the typical low-cost option. They're very lightweight and made to fit standard-sized openings, so installing one is a simple do-it-yourself project. If you plan to use natural ventilation during

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COMPUTERS FOR CHRISTMAS - (Above) For several years now students at the Fulton County Area Technology Center receive computers that they refurbish making them operational again. This year 21 Fulton County students (shown above) were the lucky recipients of the work performed by the students. (Photo submitted.)

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS - (At left) Zeke and Nesia Corrigan received their computer on Monday, Dec. 23. (Photo by Christina Corrigan.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

New Residents to Hickman

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New Year's Greetings

Fulton County Clerk

Betty Abernathy

We will be closed for
New Year's Dec. 31 and Jan. 1
and staff
Kim, Naomi, Sharon and Stacy

Pilots go 2-3 in busy week on court

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent
The Fulton County Pilots knothced two wins in Christmas tournament play last week, but dropped three games on their schedule.
The Pilots began the week with a heartbreaking loss to Obion County at home, when a shot at the buzzer gave the

Rebels a 45-44 win.
The loss was mainly attributed to a 9-for-23 free throw shooting for Fulton County.
Davis Major led the Pilots with 15 points, with Steven Roberson adding 12 and Joe Holman 10.
Coach Mitchell Williamson's team then posted their first wins of the season at Christian

Fellowship, as part of the Trees and Trends Christmas Tournament.
The Pilots downed Dawson Springs 63-21 and Evangel Christian 73-59, before falling to Lyon County 62-58.
In their first district game of the year at Hickman County, the Falcons took control from the start and posted a 56-41 win.
The Pilots played from behind all night, trailing 16-7 at the end of the first quarter and 25-17 at halftime.
Coach Williamson's team started the second half on a 9-4 run, cutting the lead to 29-26 on a Steven Roberson shot in the paint, but Hickman County quickly countered with a 11-1 spurt to end the quarter on top, 40-27.
Joe Holman was the only Pilots player in double figures with 14, followed by Devonte Hampton, Davis Major and Ryan Williams with 6 each, Steven Roberson with 5, Octavious Smith 3 and Aaron King 1.
Hickman County placed four players in double figures, led by Billy Speed with 15.



PAINT SHOT - Fulton County's Joe Holman puts up this jump shot against Hickman County last week. The Pilots lost in their first district game of the season, 56-41, at Clinton. (Photo by Charles Choate.)



NOT HERE - Steven Roberson (21), of Fulton County, blocks this shot during the second quarter of the Pilots home game against Obion County Central. The Rebels won the game on a shot at the buzzer, 45-44, dropping Fulton County to (0-4). (Photo by Charles Choate.)



ON THE BOARDS - Lucy Kimble (23) pulls down a rebound for the Lady Pilots during their game against Obion County Central. Kimble scored nine points in the game against the Lady Rebels, who won the game 48-24. (Photo by Charles Choate)

Lady Pilots drop three games

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent
The Fulton County Lady Pilots saw their season record fall to (0-4) after three losses last week.

Coach Leonard Smith's team dropped their first game of the week, 48-24, in a make-up at home against the Obion County Central Lady Rebels, and also dropped another non-district game on the road at Trenton Peabody by the score of 56-37.
In their first district game of the season, the Lady Pilots battled, but fell on the road to the Hickman County Lady Falcons 45-40.
Hickman County overcame a first quarter deficit of 11-10, to take a 28-18 halftime advantage.
The Lady Pilots continued to trail by 10 points for most of the third quarter, and started the final period trailing 36-27.
In the final frame, coach Smith's team mounted a strong comeback to tie the score at 31-31 with 6:31 on the clock, thanks to a Lucy Kimble shot.

Hickman County then mounted a 9-1 scoring run, for a 40-33 lead, that Fulton County could not overcome.
Delraysha Alexander led the Lady Pilots with 14 points, with Lucy Kimble adding 9 points.

Also for Fulton County, Leslie Beth Jackson had 8, Kylira Williams 5 and Leah Weatherly 4.
Racheal Jackson led Hickman County with 11 points.



TEAM STRATEGY - Lady Pilots basketball coach Leonard Smith talks with his team during a time out at Hickman County. Smith's team battled in the district match-up with the Lady Falcons, but lost the game 45-40. (Photo by Charles Choate.)



Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

Christmas week. *Your time* invested in this moment with a newspaper is Christmas gift enough for me.
Today, a dozen Dashing-through-the-Snow nuggets for you from the Toy Shop.
1. College player-of-year in Kentucky? Mine would be a tie. Western Kentucky tailback Antonio Andrews and Louisville quarterback Teddy Bridgewater. Both have been chosen All-American.
2. Teddy Bridgewater, college graduate. "I can make an impact on my environment where I grew up in Miami. Show there are no restrictions what you can reach. I know when I leave I'm a better person than when I came to college."
3. Kentuckian Richard Dawahare, in a newspaper editorial December 6, gave voice to the folly of another \$110 million expenditure by University of Kentucky to renovate Commonwealth Stadium. After spending \$27.6 million in 1999 and \$6 million in 2011.
"Another example of trickle up economics," Dawahare wrote. "in which the public purse showers up evermore its bounty to the well-connected and corporate entities at the top."
"... (this) was supposed to enhance the fan experience. ... However, deafening game-long speaker-shriek spiced with raunchy rap lyrics and lousy yesteryear tunes, incessant play by play and dizzying graphics destroy fan experience, not enhance it."
4. Dale Mueller at Fort Thomas Highlands. What a Christmas season for the 59-year-old coach to reflect while snow falls. His Blue Birds won 250 of 286 games in 20 seasons; won 11 state titles, most by a coach in state history. Overall 309-67 record for 29 years. Best bottom line? Lives he touched.
Ex-Bluebird, Seth Hope told the Cincinnati Enquirer, "I can only hope that one day I will have the positive impact on other people's lives that coach Mueller had on mine."
5. After Murray State defeated Southern Illinois, Salukis coach Barry Hinson told reporters "... when you've

got a young team, it's a lot like house training a puppy dog. You know what, when the dog does something wrong, 'bad dog.' I'm not going to hit 'em. I'm not going to swat 'em, but bad dog, get on the treadmill."
6. Hinson II: "We made three turnovers tonight where we just came down and threw them the ball. I swear I thought one time one of our players said 'Merry Christmas.'"
7. Avery Williamson on football at Kentucky: "I love this school and I love this community and I love the fans. (There's) really going to be a turn-around."
8. Two seasons ago Sean Woods's Mississippi Valley State team had the worst academic record in college hoops. Last week a report on Woods' Morehead State team reflected a 3.2 grade point average, best in school history.
9. Chris Harrison-Docks. College hoops in Kentucky has a new fresh face at Christmas. Chris Harrison-Docks at Western Kentucky. Gritty, passionate, team-first and coachable, Harrison-Docks is latest example of a native-born team first kid fans love to watch succeed.
10. Posturize. A cool word or term is introduced every year to basketball's lexicon. We have seen come and go - string music ... verticality ... physicality ... facial ... dribble drive and drop step. This year: Posturize.
Last week Charlotte guard Pierriá Henry slammed a dunk against Florida State then posturized (taunted) his defender. Presto, a technical foul. When Henry objected to the call, he was posturized with another technical and ejected.
11. Book End Christmas for UK? Mark Stoops began his head coaching career last week when the first of what Kentucky needs most, hawgs, signed on. Cory Johnson is a 6-4, 300-pounder defensive lineman. A Christmas-wish-come-true for Stoops would be adding a book end - 6-6, 300-pound Matt Elam.
BEST FOR LAST
12. Johnny Lyles and Bill Mazeroski
Having read a Sports In


Kentucky column a few weeks ago about Bill Mazeroski selling his memorabilia, Johnny Lyles of St. Joseph, Tennessee (population 590) shared a Gee Whiz story.
"In 1967 I signed a contract with the California Angels and was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates in the fall of 1968, and went to spring training with the big club.
"The most amazing thing that had ever happened in my life at the time, my locker was next to Roberto Clemente and across from Bill Mazeroski. For a boy from St. Joseph, Tenn (population 590), I was in baseball heaven."
"One Saturday after workouts, Lyles and a friend went to Freddie's Lounge in Bradenton, a popular Pirate players hang-out.
"We got there late and the place was packed," Lyles wrote. "We were looking for a place to sit, have a bite to eat, but there were no vacant tables. Then someone yelled to get our attention and invited us to sit with them. Was Maz and his wife (Milene). Couple young rookies would dine with them. How many super stars would have done that?
"The conversation turned to my birthday (21 that day) and during the band's break Bill got up, went over to talk to the lead singer. When the band came back on stage the leader got everyone's attention and said, 'we have a special guest with us tonight. A Pittsburgh Pirate who's celebrating his 21st birthday.'
"He called my name, asked me to come up for a special birthday dance while the band played Happy Birthday. I had no dance partner and wouldn't get up.
"That's when Maz's wife grabbed me by the hand and pulled me out on the floor. Was only the second girl I had ever danced with, I was so nervous.
"It's been close to 50 years since this happened, but I never forgot how he made me feel that night. This is the kind of man Mazeroski is. He treated everyone like a best friend."
And so it goes.
Merry Christmas.

D.O.G.S.

officer," says Cole. "This means extra security for our district. The Watch D.O.G.S. will check doors, patrol the hallways, and monitor the buildings and grounds."
Statistics show that students in fatherless homes are more likely to drop out of school, have bad grades, live at or below the poverty line, be involved in criminal activity, use drugs, and engage in early sexual activity. Schools that have implemented the Watch D.O.G.S. programs have seen a significant improvement in these problem areas. "Over half of our students come unprepared for kindergarten," shares Cole. "But research shows having this program will help both student wellbeing and achievement. My goal is to have a male in the building every day."
At present, the month of January is almost completely booked. Men interested in participating in this program should call Michael Cole at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School or email him at michael.cole@fulton.kyschools.us.



TOGETHER TIME - Ella Cagle (left) and her dad, John Cagle (right), do an activity with other children and their dads during the kick off of the Watch D.O.G.S. program at Fulton County Schools last week. (Photo submitted.)



Dear Santa
My name is Wesley Goodman and I am 3 years old, for Christmas I want a train set, a race car track, a toy cash register, a fart gun, a camo gun (not a real one) and a ambulance, a new play house (a biggin), a garbage truck, a Despicable Me movie, and that's all.

Thanks,
Wesley

Dear Santa,
This is Lyla Kay Burnette. Papa and "D" say I have been really good this year. Would u please bring me a Barbie dream house and a cake pop maker. Some Barbies would b nice too. Please dont forget my big brother Drew, Sarah and my baby sister Mary.

I love u Santa,
Lyla

Dear Santa,
Can I have a new big girl drum set, new clothes, bows, new shoes, DVD player, kid movies, monster high dolls, a Christmas tree for my room, washer/dryer, fridge, another Lily puppy, posters for my room, and more arts and crafts.

Thank you Santa,
Alexis Edgin

With Gratitude And Warm Wishes At The New Year

**Holiday Hours:
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Wednesday, Jan. 1**

MeMaw's

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Obituaries

James Albert “Abner” Riley

James Albert “Abner” Riley, 76, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died December 22, 2013 at Baptist Health in Union City, Tenn.

Born March 31, 1937 in Hickman, he was the son of the late Woodrow and Lovie (Parker) Riley. He had worked as a mechanic for the former Castleman Motors, and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include three brothers, Paul “Speck” Riley and N.D. Riley, both of Union City, and Clyde Riley of Hickman; two sisters, Juanita Short of Blytheville, Ark., and Frances Wroten of South Carolina; and

19 nieces and nephews.

His wife, Delores Taylor Riley, preceded him in death.

Services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. at Strong Funeral Home on December 27, with Rev. Henry Callison officiating. Burial will follow in the Hickman City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Strong Funeral Home on Friday from 11 a.m. until service time at 2 p.m..

Pallbearers will be Paul Wilson Riley, Randy Wroten, Charlie Roberts, James Bardin, Edward Simmons, N.D. Riley, Clyde Riley and Paul “Speck” Riley.

James “Larry” Poe

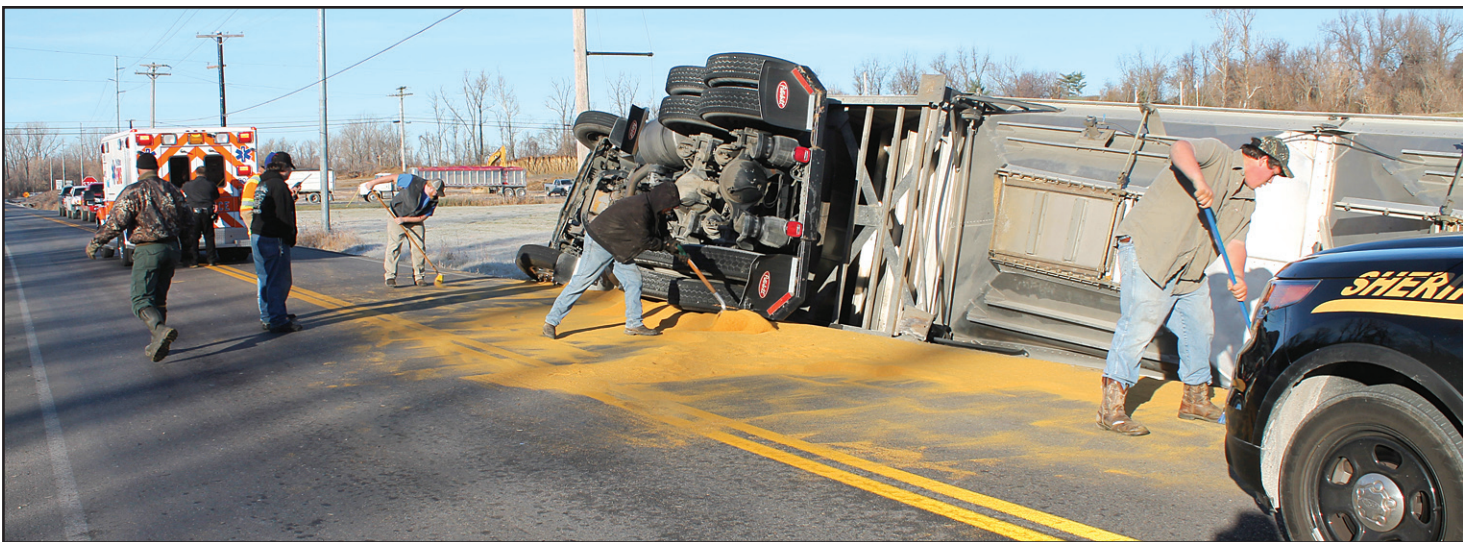
James “Larry” Poe, 71, a resident of Mesquite, Texas, died December 6, 2013.

Born March 11, 1942, he was the son of the late Kenneth and Ruth “Spillers” Poe.

Survivors include his loving wife of 47 years, Judy “Baker” Poe; one son, Michael Poe; one daughter, Sandra Poe; one sister and brother-in-law, Brenda

and Larry Tillman; one brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Robina Poe; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

Services were held December 10 at Laurel Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. Richard Flowers officiating. Burial followed in Laurel Oaks Memorial Park in Mesquite.



ROADWAY CLEAN UP - On Wednesday, Dec. 18 Harry M. Wheeler, of Hickman, was traveling west on Seventh Street in a truck tractor and semi-trailer when he went too far to the right on the road, stated a Hickman Police Department report. When his tire went off the road he could not correct it forcing the truck and semi-trailer to fall over into the ditch on the side of the road. Tri-Cities Ambulance Service responded to the incident while others cleaned up the roadway. Wheeler was operating the truck for Coffey Construction. (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)

Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Sunday, Dec. 15 – Saturday, Dec. 21:

Sunday, Dec. 15:
• Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.
• Traffic stop on 7th St.
• Responded to a complaint of loud music on 7th St.
• Responded to a call on Ponderosa Dr.
• Responded to a call on Troy Ave.
• Traffic stop on Broadway St.
• Traffic stop on Holly St.
• Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass.
• Traffic stop on Bernal Ave.
• Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
• Traffic stop on Troy Ave.
• Responded to an animal complaint on Union City Hwy.
• Traffic stop on 7th St.
• Traffic stop on Clay St.
Monday, Dec. 16:
• Responded to a call on

Myron Cory Dr.

• Responded to a call on Catlett St.
• Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.

• Responded to a motor vehicle accident on 7th St. – Hickman Vol. Fire Department assisted.

Tuesday, Dec. 17:
• Responded to a call on Troy Ave.

• Responded to a call at Dollar General.
• Responded to a call on Atwood St.

• Responded to an animal complaint on Walbash St.
• Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.

• Responded to a noise complaint on 7th St.
• Motorist assist at Hub’s Restaurant.

Wednesday, Dec. 18:
• Traffic stop on 7th St.
• Assisted Tri-City EMS on Broadway St.

• Responded to a semi accident on 1099 Bypass.
• Responded to a motor vehicle accident on 4th St. and

Holly St.

• Responded to an animal complaint on Troy Ave.
• Responded to a call on Harris St.

• Responded to a residential alarm on Troy Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 19:
• Responded to an animal complaint on Park St.

• Responded to a residential burglar alarm on Moscow Ave.
• Responded to a disturbance at EW James.

• Responded to a call at Dollar General.

Friday, Dec. 20:
• Assisted Tri-City EMS on Troy Ave.

• Responded to a call at Davis

Park.

• Responded to a complaint of loud music on Cedar St.
• Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass.

• Responded to a call on Ponderosa Dr.

• Responded to a call on Nelson St.

• Traffic stop on 7th St.
Saturday, Dec. 21:
• Traffic stop on Moscow

Ave. – Georgia Lawrence cited for improper registration plate, and failure of owner to maintain insurance.

• Responded to a call at Davis Park.

• Responded to a call on Cedar St.

Fulton County Sheriff’s Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff’s Department reports these arrests and citations for Monday, Dec. 16 through Tuesday, Dec. 17:

Monday, Dec. 16:
• James B. Allen of Clay City, Ky., white male, arrested, bench warrant failure to pay (Rowan

County).

Tuesday, Dec. 17:

• Sheron L. Worrell of Hickman, Ky., white female, summons, criminal trespassing 2nd degree, menacing, harassment.



HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Following the elementary/middle school Christmas Musical the High School Band Concert was held (top photo) with Stephanie Mora directing the band. Several students had solos, a duet and a trio to perform. Barry Patrick (middle photo) followed the band concert, playing some Christmas music on the piano while everyone sang. Charles Staggs (bottom, left) played the bass drum and other instruments in the percussion family during the high school band concert held in the elementary/middle school gym on Friday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. (Photos by Charlotte Smith.)

Motor fuels tax rate to decline by 1.5 cents per gallon on Jan. 1

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 19, 2013) – Kentucky’s “gas tax” on sales of gasoline, diesel and ethanol motor fuels will decrease by 1.5 cents per gallon on New Year’s Day, reflecting a drop in the calculated average wholesale fuel price.

The decrease would result in a loss to the Kentucky Road Fund of about \$45 million on an annualized basis.

“The Road Fund is our source of revenue for building, improving and maintaining Kentucky roads and bridges, so any loss of revenue is concerning,” Kentucky Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock said Thursday.

The tax on motor fuels is a classic user fee, paid by those who use public highways and bridges. It has three components:

- Variable excise tax.
- Supplemental user fee of 5 cents per gallon
- Underground Storage Tank cleanup fee of 1.4 cents per gallon.

There also is a federal tax of

18.4 cents per gallon of gasoline.

The excise tax was enacted in 1920. But in the 1980s, the Kentucky Legislature provided for a variable excise tax as a percentage of average wholesale price (AWP) of gas and diesel.

The variable excise tax rises, falls or stays unchanged from quarter to quarter on the basis of a survey of AWP of motor fuels. The survey is conducted by the Department of Revenue in the first month of each quarter (January, April, July and October) and the change in rate – if any – takes effect on the first day of the first month of the following quarter.

For purposes of the excise tax rate, the amount of any increase in the AWP is capped at 10 percent, per year.

By virtue of the October 2013 survey, the state variable excise tax will decline by 1.5 cents per gallon on Jan. 1, 2014 – to 24.4 cents per gallon from 25.9 cents. The last decrease in the excise tax was in October 2010.

Doors

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part of the year, a self-storing triple-track storm/screen door is your most convenient option. I use this type in my own home. The screen panel has its own vertical track in the door, so it never has to be removed. At the end of winter, just slide one of the glass panels down and slide the screen panel up for ventilation. Another option uses a spring-mounted roll-up retractable screen built into the door. This design is attractive because the screen is hidden away during winter.

Build it yourself

If your budget is really tight, consider making your own storm door. Make a simple wooden frame with only the top half open and a plywood lower panel. This panel improves rigidity for a more airtight seal and better durability. It is easy to mount hinges in the existing door opening for the storm

door. To mount clear acrylic plastic to use in the door, make a second wooden frame slightly larger than the opening in the upper half. If you prefer more durability and efficiency, and a perfectly clear view outdoors is not critical, select double-walled polycarbonate instead of acrylic. Whatever you choose, simply screw the framed plastic onto the storm door opening. Make a similar frame with screening in it for summer use. Nail spring steel weatherstripping in the door opening on the latch side and top and bottom. This type of weatherstripping is very durable. Adhesive-backed foam weatherstripping is effective in compression on the hinge side.

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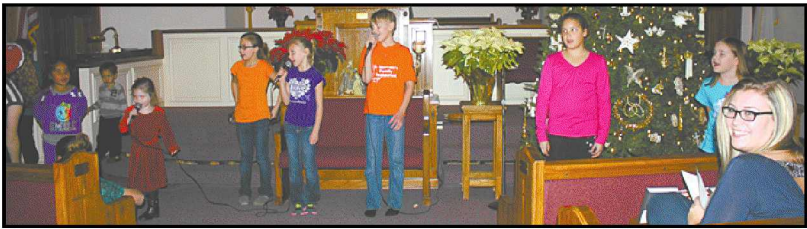
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MUSIC SOLOISTS - Students singing solos in the Christmas Musical last week at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School include (center, l to r) De'Ayria Kinney, Lamarius Stray, Callie Coulson and Mia Amberg. All of the students put on a show filled with wonderful Christmas songs and a powerful message on the meaning of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. The program was performed under music teacher Stephaie Mora (bottom, right corner). (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



CHRISTMAS CAROLING - On Wednesday, Dec. 18 members of Cayce United Methodist Church gathered together to go Christmas caroling visiting several homes in the area. They also went to visit people at Haw's Memorial Nursing Home and Park Terrace Village. Those caroling include (top photo) Tracy Campbell, Dinah Jones, Dennis Jones, Glenn Howell, Mike Sheehan (partially hidden) and Ted Hopkins; bottom photo, the carolers singing to Ms. Ruby Snider include, from left, Betty Harrison, Melanie Curlin, Dinah Jones, and Dennis Jones. Others caroling were Trina Campbell, Suzanne Hurley, Christine Atwill, Barbara Atwill, Sue Hopkins, Annell Goodwin, and Jim Wolfgang. After caroling the group went and ate pizza where they were joined by other members of the church that were not able to go caroling. Everyone had a great time and are already making plans for caroling again next year. (Photos by Barbara Atwill.)



MSU FFA ALL-REGION STAR - Austin Williams (center) an FFA student at Fulton County High School is among the first MSU FFA All-Region Stars. During the event they identified and recognized 25 outstanding regional students. These students are now encouraged to apply for a scholarship with a January 15 deadline. (Photo submitted.)



GRINNING FROM EAR TO EAR - Daejon Whitney Hendrix (center) is smiling from ear to ear getting ready to perform with classmates Ella Cagle (partially hidden), Karlie Smith, Logan Griffith, Makenna Kilpatrick, and Hannah Varden. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

SENIOR
Spotlight

Lequante Abbott
Parent's names: Gretta Abbott and Josh Adams
Brothers and sisters names: Akilias Abbott, Tishanda Abbott, Kyra Sanders, and Latoria Sanders
Sports you play (if any): Skateboarding, Martial Arts, Tricking.
Favorite thing about your sport (what makes you enjoy playing): Learning the new skill and nobody else does it in my area.
Church and/or community involvement: First Pentecostal Church
Plans after graduation: I plan to go to college to be a RN
Clubs, activities, accomplishments, and etc.: FFA for 2 years, JAM, and FEA
Favorite part of school: Carpentry
Something interesting about yourself: I can play the guitar.
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School: When Travis and I would practice flips during carpentry behind the building.

Daniel Roberts
Parent's names: Linda Evans
Plans after graduation: I plan to go to college and get a degree in business.
Clubs, activities, accomplishments, and etc.: Skills USA
Favorite part of school: Seeing my friends and seeing Julia everyday.
Something interesting about yourself: Personal
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School: Hanging Blane from the bathroom door.

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